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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON ITS MEETINGS HELD AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS FROM 24 TO 29 APRIL 1991 AND ON 3 MAY 1991

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. The Programme Committee of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) met from 24 to 29 April 1991.

2. The provisional agenda contained in document E/ICEF/1991/1/Rev.2 was adopted by the Committee.

II. PROPOSALS FOR UNICEF COOPERATION AND PROGRAMME REVIEWS (E/ICEF/1991/P/L.2 AND ADD.I AND CORR.I)

3. The Programme Committee recommends the following draft recommendation for adoption by the Executive Board:

The Executive Board

1. Approves the following recommendations of the Executive Director for programme cooperation as summarized in document (E/ICEF/1991/P/L.2):

(a) $259,140,000 for general resources funding, of which $250,751,000 are for new general resources funding, and $427,092,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Asia;

(b) $144,113,000 for general resources funding, of which $140,162,000 are for new general resources funding, and $196,460,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Africa;

(c) $47,050,000 for general resources funding, of which $46,241,000 are for new general resources funding, and $69,745,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa;

(d) $23,108,000 for general resources funding, of which $22,148,000 are for new general resources funding, and $48,700,000 are for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in the Americas and the Caribbean;

(e) $99,030,000 for general resources funding and $45,250,000 for supplementary funding for the following interregional and other programmes: the International Child Development Centre; the Bamako Initiative; children in especially difficult circumstances; control of iodine deficiency disorders; the eradication of dracunculiasis; the Interregional Fund for Programme Preparation Promotion and Evaluation; regional support for programme preparation, promotion and evaluation; replenishment and raising the ceiling of the Emergency Reserve Fund to $5 million; the Mortality Reduction Reserve; and the establishment of a vaccine independence initiative;

2. Approves an amount of $345,916 to cover overexpenditure.

III. OTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Programme Committee further recommends the following draft recommendations for adoption by the Executive Board:

(a) Children's Vaccine Initiative (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.39) including an amount of $2 million ($1 million in 1991 and $1 million in 1992) from general resources; and $10 million ($5 million for 1991 and $5 million for 1992) in supplementary funds;

(b) Emergency operations (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.33) including an additional amount of $2 million for the emergency reserve fund;

(c) Action to assist the least developed countries, (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.26);

(d) The role of UNICEF in support of sustainable national health care systems, (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.27);

(e) Convention on the Rights of the Child (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.28);

(f) The fight against cholera (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.29);

(g) The role of UNICEF in World Summit follow-up (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.30);

(h) Central and Eastern Europe (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.31);

(i) Reaching the poorest (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.32);

(j) Children and mothers: victims of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.34);

(k) The role of UNICEF in the promotion and support of breast-feeding (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.35);

(l) International Year for the World's Indigenous People (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.36);

(m) Ensuring child survival, protection and development (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.38);

(n) New Vaccine Initiative (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.39);

(o) Global and interregional programmes (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.40);

(p) The role of UNICEF in combating acquired immune deficiency syndrome (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.41);

(q) Establishment of a special emergency fund to meet the needs of children and their families, formulation of additional projects and expansion of the special reserve fund for education (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.42);

(r) Palestinian children in the occupied territories, and in Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and Syria (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.43);

(s) The Bamako Initiative (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.44).